



ST. MARNOCK'S N.S.



MESSAGE FROM MS TRIMBLE

Welcome to a bumper and final edition of our Summer newsletter!

You will see that we have had a wide variety of action packed activities taking place in the school this term, starting off with Active Schools Week, our annual Book Fair organised by the P.A., Bike Week, Fingal and Cumann na mBunscol Leagues, Athletics in UCD and Sports Week to mention but a few!

During the month of May, our 2nd and 6th class pupils celebrated the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with their families in St. Anne's church. We were delighted to have our school choir back again after a three year break due to Covid. Thanks to Mr. Maughan, Ms. Curtin and Ms. B. Phelan for co-ordinating the choir and thanks to all the children who sang so beautifully enhancing our ceremonies with lovely accompaniment by Mr. Maughan on keyboards and Ms. Murphy on violin. Special thanks to our 2nd and 6th class teachers: Ms. B. Phelan, Ms. Fitzsimons, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Corkery, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Spellacy and also to Canon John and all the staff in St. Anne's church for the all the preparation involved.

Congratulations to our 6th class 2023 pupils who graduated from St. Marnock's NS on Tuesday 27th June. This is a very special milestone in their lives and we are particularly proud of them and the contribution they have made to our school during their time here. We presented our 6th class pupils with a beautifully produced Graduation Yearbook as a gift from our school. Thanks also to our Parents' Association for gifting them a St. Marnock's hoodie. Wishing all of our 6th class pupils the best of luck as they embark upon the next exciting adventure in their lives in secondary school!

As this is the final newsletter of this school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic staff for all their hard work and commitment to your children during this school year. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of teachers and SNAs so thanks to each and every one of them!

I would like to thank Mr. Scallan, our Acting Deputy Principal and our In-school Leadership & Management team, Mr. Maughan, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Shanahan, Ms. Whelan, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Curtin and Ms. Cullen who have been a fantastic support to me in the leadership and management of the school during the past school year. Special thanks also to Deirdre and Regina, our resourceful and efficient secretaries in the office and to our caretakers, Paddy and David for all their hard work.

We wish you and all your families a happy, safe and healthy summer and we look forward to welcoming you back on the first day of the new term on Wednesday 30th August.

Enjoy our newsletter and have a great summer!

Bain taitneamh as ár Nuachtlitir agus bíodh Samhradh iontach agaibh!

Sinéad Trimble



UPCOMING EVENTS

- The school will close for the summer holidays at 12 noon on Friday 30th June. We hope everyone has a great summer!
- Children may wear their own clothes on the last day of term, the 30th June.
- A big thank you to Ríona Myers and her team on the Parents' Association for all of their work with fundraising this year.
- Thank you to all parents who supported the P.A. Table Quiz on 9th June. Special thanks to local businesses and Malahide Golf Club for donating prizes and hosting the event.





BIKE WEEK IN ST. MARNOCK'S



Bike Week was organised by Fingal County Council from 15th to 21st May to promote cycling in the area. They encouraged local schools to get involved with fun activities for children. St. Marnock's celebrated Bike Week in great style this year with a 'Bling your Bike' activity. Children and teachers decorated their bikes with streamers, balloons and some children even dressed their bikes as animals!

Because there has been a noticeable increase in children cycling to school, extra bike racks have been installed in the yard to cater for them. The parents have organised a 'Cycle Bus' to escort children to school by bike from surrounding estates.

Cycling and scooting are great ways to enjoy exercise while getting some fresh air. It also promotes confidence in children to travel independently and is a sustainable and cheap climate action we can all build into our daily lives.



SPECIAL GUESTS IN JUNIOR INFANTS



Ms. Curtin's Junior Infants had some special visitors in May! Four tiny caterpillars arrived. They soon became big caterpillars with all the leaves they were eating. The children were delighted to see the painted butterflies that eventually emerged.





ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK



We celebrated Active Schools Week from 17th to the 21st April this year. The week promotes movement and activity among children and teachers. All classes learned a dance that children performed in their lines each morning before coming into the school. Senior classes were paired with a junior class for PE during the week. There were coaching sessions organised for each class too. Ronan from Naomh Mearnóg provided GAA coaching to the infant classes. First and second classes were given Karate coaching while Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth classes were given basketball coaching. It was a great week and everyone enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Ms. Kennedy for organising the week.



AUTHOR ALAN NOLAN VISITS THE SCHOOL



Children's author and illustrator, Alan Nolan visited the fourth classes in April. Alan is from Dublin and is the author and illustrator of Fintan's Fifteen, Conor's Caveman and the Sam Hannigan series for the O'Brien Press. In his newest book 'Molly Malone & Bram Stoker in The Sackville Street Caper', eleven year old Bram Stoker, future author of Dracula, escapes school to 1850s Dublin City seeking adventure. There he meets Molly Malone, accomplished sneak thief and part time fishmonger. Together they must thwart the evil Count Vladimir who plans to steal the Irish Crown Jewels from Dublin Castle.

Alan discussed this book and gave an illustration lesson to the fourth class children. Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising this visit.





FINGAL LEAGUE VICTORY



The junior girls' football team travelled to St. Margaret's at the end of May to take on Ballyboughal N.S. in a Fingal League final. The match was closely contested until the last few minutes when St. Marnock's pulled ahead. The girls and coaches celebrated at the final whistle. They were then presented with the Fingal league cup. Well done to the girls and their coaches, Mr. Barnes and Ms. Dillon.



CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL SCHOOL SPORTS



On Wednesday 31st May, athletes from St. Marnock's travelled to the UCD athletics track with coaches Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Joyce to compete against 29 other schools in the following events: relay, shot put and long jump.

The following athletes won medals:

U12 girls relay team: bronze

Ella Mae

Kate

Faye

Holly

Grace

U14 boys relay team: bronze

Cian

Kyle

Max

Ollie

Paddy

U14 shot put: silver

Suzan





FINGAL FINALS IN PARNELL PARK



On Thursday 18th May the senior boys' and girls' football teams played in two Fingal finals in Parnell Park. A bus full of supporters from the school went to support them. The boys played against Donabate ETNS and the girls played against Pope John Paul's NS from Malahide.

The boy's match was a close affair with both teams taking the lead at different points. Unfortunately, Donabate ETNS started to pull ahead in the last ten minutes and we didn't get the breaks we needed to run them close. Ollie Hughes hit the crossbar with about five minutes to go. The lads all performed excellently it must be said with some valiant defending and rampaging attacking play.

The girls' match was closely contested in the first half with some great goals and points from the Marnock's girls. Alas, PJP's started to widen the gap in the second half but the Marnock's girls never gave up and persisted until the end.

The supporters were also a credit to the school and never gave up cheering their teams on.

Both teams' commitment and skill is a testament to the great coaching they received this year from Mr. Doherty, Mr. Corkery, Mr. Spellacy, Ms. Lalor, Mr. Barnes and Ms. Dillon.



PHOTO GALLERY



Here is Kate from Fifth class and Katie and Leanne from Third class. They are part of the Dynamite Hip hop crew who competed in a Spectrum dance event in Tallaght recently. They were placed third in their competition and won this beautiful silverwear.

Culann from Ms. Lalor's class competed in the Fourth class debating competition. The motion was "Physical Education is the most important subject".



Scott in fourth class was part of the U11 Portmarnock AFC football team that won the DDSL cup against Broadford Rovers in mid May.

Leah in was captain of the Junior girls team who won the Fingal Cup against Ballyboughal. She is pictured here with coaches Mr. Barnes and Ms. Dillon.





BELFAST FRIENDSHIP GAMES



Well done to Izzy and Leah from Sixth class for representing their school in the Belfast Friendship Games last weekend.

The Belfast Friendship games is part of an on-going tradition of cooperation and collaboration between Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath and Belfast Cumann na mBunscol which has recently changed names to Antrim Cumann na mBunscol.

It is a remarkable tradition where children from schools all over Dublin and Antrim come together to play football, hurling and camogie.

The girls represented the school with great pride and passion on the day. Everyone in St Marnock's School is very proud of the girls for representing Dublin and their school in the games.



TEXACO ART COMPETITION



Nishtha in First class and Eve in Sixth class were awarded certificates of commendation by the judges in the Texaco Children's Art Competition. They are both excellent artists and enjoyed entering the competition this year. Well done girls!



PHOTO GALLERY



Here are the winners of the recent Portmarnock Lions Art Competition.
 Willow – Second class
 Summer & Charlotte – Third class
 Kate & Ali – First Class
 Shera – Sixth



Four girls in Ms. O'Dowd's First Class starred in a musical, Matilda Jr. this term. Clara, Éabha and Eve performed with the drama school 'Drama House' in the Hilton Hotel in May. Katelyn starred in John Gilligan's performance in the Helix theatre earlier this year and enjoyed the dancing very much!